

# Conservation Security Program in Nevada

*You could  
be eligible to  
participate in  
the new  
Conservation  
Security  
Program  
if you can  
answer  
“yes”  
to all of  
these  
questions  
that apply to  
part or all of  
your ranch  
or farm  
operation.*

## CSP Pre-Checklist Questionnaire

The Conservation Security Program is a voluntary conservation program rewarding those farmers and ranchers meeting the highest conservation standards on their land.

### Conservation Activities

To be eligible for CSP, you must show that you are managing at least one of the fields on your farm or ranch to enhance soil and water quality. The conservation activities that address these resource concerns will vary depending on your operation's slope, climate, soil texture, and other characteristics. Generally, if you are maintaining and improving soil fertility, reducing soil erosion, managing water use, and improving water quality, you have taken the first steps toward being eligible for a successful CSP contract. Below are examples of conservation activities that must be completed and documented in your self-assessment for you to be eligible to submit an application for CSP.

#### DO YOU CURRENTLY...

- ☐ have cropland, hayland, pastureland, vineyards, and/or orchards that you wish to enroll in CSP?
- ☐ own or have control of the land you intend to enroll in CSP? <sup>1</sup>
- ☐ own or have control over the land for the length of the proposed 5 to 10 year contract?
- ☐ share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock on this land?
- ☐ have at least two years of records of your pest management methods and applications for the acres you wish to enroll? <sup>2</sup>

In addition to answering “Yes” to the above questions, do you...

#### **Cropland**

- ☐ rotate your crops?

#### **Pastureland & Rangeland**

- ☐ use a grazing plan allowing for periods of rest?
- ☐ have at least 2 years of records of livestock/grazing production?
- ☐ manage access of your livestock to water?
- ☐ actively control weeds and invasive plants?
- ☐ monitor grazing land and/or rangeland health?

#### **AND...**

- ☐ are your crop and pasture fields free of active gullies?

In addition, land that is currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), or the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), is not eligible for CSP.

## Questions Regarding Your Basic Operation & Production

If you answer “Yes” or “Not Applicable” to the questions on this fact sheet, you should complete the Self-Assessment Workbook. We also highly recommend that you attend the public meeting to be held in your CSP watershed area. NRCS personnel will be on hand to answer questions you may have and to help you determine your eligibility.

Contact the NRCS representative in your area or visit us on the web at [www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov) for more information.

## Confidentiality

All information provided will be kept confidential until a CSP contract is awarded. After a CSP contract is awarded, all information is protected by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

<sup>1</sup> Publicly-owned land is not eligible.

<sup>2</sup> Documentation may include: soil and tissue test reports; field specific fertilizer application dates and rates; manure nutrient content tests; field specific manure applications by types of manure, date and rates.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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